

Be With Me

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are you who you look like
or are you just yourself
are you somebody famous
or just somebody else
can you play "Stairway to Heaven"
are you good enough
were those songs real
or did you make them up
I only wanted to shake your hand
equal to equal
man to man
what are you drinking
let me buy you one
you owe me much more
than just a job well done

you're gonna be with me
'till your dying day
and I won't take it lightly
if you just walk away

fetch me the jester
commanded the king
the harder I thrash him
the better he'll sing
send him back to the dungeon
give him something to eat
if it wasn't for me
he'd be out on the street

he's gonna be with me
'till his dying day
I would not take it lightly
If he were ever to stray

if I'm a good boy
mama can I go
to the tent revival
and the medicine show
I hear there's a dancer
I just gotta see
I hear there's a singer
like I want to be
if I were someone
would you take me home
let me look in your closet
let me rattle your bones

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